

# **Senate File 352 - Introduced**

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BY SCHNEIDER

## **A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to alternative pathways and alternative
- 2 practitioner preparation programs leading to initial teacher
- 3 and administrator licenses and endorsements.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 3, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Prescribe standards and procedures for the approval of  
4 practitioner preparation programs and professional development  
5 programs offered in this state by practitioner preparation  
6 institutions located within or outside this state and by  
7 area education agencies. Procedures provided for approval  
8 of programs shall include procedures for enforcement of the  
9 prescribed standards and shall not include a procedure for the  
10 waiving of any of the standards prescribed.

11 a. The board shall collaborate with the board of educational  
12 examiners to prescribe standards and procedures for the  
13 approval of alternative practitioner preparation programs in  
14 accordance with section 272.2, subsection 13.

15 b. The board may establish by rule and collect from  
16 practitioner preparation institutions located outside this  
17 state an amount equivalent to the department's necessary travel  
18 and actual expenses incurred while engaged in the program  
19 approval process for the institution located outside this  
20 state. Amounts collected under this subsection paragraph shall  
21 be deposited in the general fund of the state.

22 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, subsection 13, Code 2019, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 13. Adopt rules to provide for nontraditional preparation  
25 options for licensing persons who hold a bachelor's degree  
26 from an accredited college or university, who do not meet  
27 other requirements for licensure. The rules shall provide  
28 for alternative pathways leading to initial teacher and  
29 administrator licensure and to teaching and administrator  
30 endorsements, and shall prescribe standards and procedures  
31 for the issuance of such initial practitioner licenses and  
32 endorsements. The board shall collaborate with the state  
33 board of education on standards and procedures for approval of  
34 alternative preparation programs maintained within or outside  
35 of this state that lead to licenses and endorsements that the

1 board may issue in accordance with this subsection.

2 EXPLANATION

3 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
4 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

5 This bill provides that the board of educational examiners  
6 (BOEE) rules relating to nontraditional preparation options  
7 for licensing individuals who hold bachelor's degrees but  
8 have not met practitioner preparation requirements must  
9 provide for alternative pathways leading to initial teacher  
10 and administrator licensure and to teaching and administrator  
11 endorsements.

12 The bill requires the BOEE to prescribe standards and  
13 procedures for such issuance and to collaborate with the state  
14 board of education on standards and procedures for approval  
15 of alternative practitioner preparation programs maintained  
16 within or outside of this state that lead to such licenses and  
17 endorsements.

18 The state board of education is currently required to  
19 prescribe standards and procedures for the approval of  
20 practitioner preparation programs. The bill directs the state  
21 board to collaborate with the BOEE to prescribe standards  
22 and procedures for the approval of alternative practitioner  
23 preparation programs.